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SUBJECT: ERBAKAN AGAIN CALLS FOR UDI FOR THE TFSC

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1. DEP PRIMIN ERBAKAN (CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY, NSP) RENEWED HIS CRITICISM OF GOT-CYPRUS POLICY (REFTEL) AT THE DECEMBER 7 MEETING OF THE NSP CHAIRMANSHIP COUNCIL. ERBAKAN CALLED FOR THE "IMMEDIATE PROCLAMATION" OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS (TFSC) AND STATED THAT THE NSP WOULD MAKE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE A "GOVERNMENT ISSUE" M ERBAKAN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM HAD BEEN DRAWN UP 20 MONTHS AGO AND REFLECTED THE CONDITIONS AT THAT TIME; HOWEVER, WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, NEW CONDITIONS WARRANTED A NEW APPROACH. HE ARGUED AGAINST CONTINUING TO "CHASE AFTER MAKARIOS" AND STATED A "FEDERAL SYSTEM WOULD NOT BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE PARTIES CONCERNED." AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER (GUNAYDIN) REPORTED THAT ERBAKAN ADVOCATED A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE PRIOR TO PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S ACCESSION TO THE PRESIDENCY.

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2. ERBAKAN ALSO CRITICIZED TURKEY'S POLICY, SAYING THAT FREE MOVEMENT OF TURKISH WORKERS WITHIN THE EC SHOULD HAVE BEEN REALIZED BY DECEMBER 1 ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE AUXILIARY PROTOCOL TO THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. HE MAINTAINED THAT ALTHOUGH TURKEY HAD FULFILLED ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TREATY AND PROTOCOL, THE EC HAD NOT RECIPROCATED AND CONSEQUENTLY TURKEY MIGHT "TEMPORARILY ANNUL" THE AUXILIARY PROTOCOL.

3. PRIMIN DEMIREL, ANSWERING REPORTERS' QUESTIONS DECEMBER 8, RESPONDED TO ERBAKAN'S STATEMENTS ON GOT-CYPRUS POLICY. DEMIREL SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES WERE ATTEMPTING TO IMPLEMENT THE 1975 GOVERNMENT PROGRAM WHICH "BEARS ALL OUR SIGNATURES AND WAS DEFENDED IN PARLIAMENT BY US. THE GOVERNMENT IS TIED TO ITS PROGRAM."

4. COMMENT: ERBAKAN LINKED HIS STATEMENT ABOUT CYPRUS TO THE FACT THAT 1977 WAS AN ELECTION YEAR AND "WE, THE NSP, ALREADY FEEL THE EXCITEMENT OF THE ELECTIONS." THE NSP APPEARS DETERMINED TO INJECT CYPRUS AS A CAMPAIGN ISSUE. ERBAKAN'S CONTINUING ADVOCACY OF UDI CLEARLY ADDS TO THE DIFFICULTY THE GOT WOULD FACE IN ATTEMPTING A RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS WHICH MUST BE HELD SOME TIME IN 1977.
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